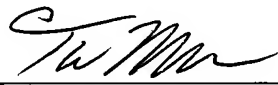


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner is requiring the applicant to elect a species. The Examiner has stated that claims 1 - 8, claims 9 - 12, and claims 13 - 15 correspond to distinct species. While the applicant respectfully disagrees that a generic claim does not, for the sake of advancing the prosecution of the present patent application, the applicant elects claims 1 - 8.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone or facsimile if the Examiner believes that such a communication would advance the prosecution of the present invention.

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